

IN THE LIMITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

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REMOTE INDICIA READING SYSTEM

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<u>AMENDMENT B</u>

Box Amendment Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 4, 2003, please amend the abovereferenced application as follows.

REMARKS

Claims 9-21 and 23-28 are pending in the application and stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103. Applicant respectfully traverses the claim rejections.

CLAIM REJECTIONS

Claims 9-11, 13-26, and 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Look (U.S. 5,915,032) in view of Itoh et al. (US 5,760,384). This rejection is respectfully traversed, and reconsideration and allowance of the claims is requested.

Claim 9 is directed to an apparatus for reading indicia from a remote location. The apparatus includes a reflective medium having indicia that reflect infrared illumination to form a reflected indicia image. The apparatus of claim 9 includes a cover over the indicia on the reflective medium that is transmissive to the infrared